

REMARKS

The Office Action of May 10, 2002 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the specification and claims have been amended as set forth above. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the present remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct the informality noted in the Office Action.

Claims 1-15 were rejected as being anticipated by or unpatentable over Petras et al.

The present invention was made prior to the filing date (Dec. 24, 1997) of the Petras et al. application. In particular, the specification has been amended to claim priority of U.S. Provisional Application 60/036,047, filed January 27, 1997, nearly one year prior to the filing of the Petras et al. application. On this basis, Applicant submits that Petras et al. is not prior art.

Allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, first paragraph:

This application claims priority under 35 USC 120 of PCT/US98/01419 filed January 26, 1998, [1997, designated] designating the U.S., which is incorporated herein by reference, which in turns claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application 60/036,047 filed January 27, 1997.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Once Amended) A method of retrieving desired phone number information using [an] a network protocol, comprising the steps of:

a user entering into the electronic device a network address of a party whose phone number information is to be retrieved;

the electronic device sending a request to a server in accordance with the network protocol, the request containing a predictable variant of said address; and

the server sending the desired phone number to the electronic device.

14. (Once Amended) A [communications] method of establishing communication with a party using an electronic device, comprising:

[a user inputting to the electronic device an electronic address of a party with which communication is to be established;]

transparently prefacing the communication with a network communications exchange, established based on [the] an electronic address of the party with which communication is to be established, to obtain information for communicating with said

party; and

the electronic device [using said information] being connected to communicate
with said party using said information.

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17. (New) The method of claim 14, comprising a user inputting to the electronic
device the electronic address of the party with which communication is to be established.

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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment filed on 10-17-02 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on September 8, 2000 (see 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, Sept. 8, 2000, and 1238 O.G. 77, Sept. 19, 2000). In order for the amendment to be compliant, applicant must supply the following omissions or corrections in response to this notice.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 1.121 (APPLICANT NEED NOT RE-SUBMIT THE ENTIRE AMENDMENT):

- ☐ 1. A clean version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii).
- ☒ 2. A marked-up version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii).
- ☐ 3. A clean version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i).
- ☒ 4. A marked-up version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

Explanation: The entire paragraph/claim should be

submitted with brackets/underlines showing the changes.

(LIE: Please provide specific details for correction to assist the applicant. For example, "the clean version of claim 6 is missing.")

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/pbg/sampleaf.pdf>. A condensed version of a sample amendment format is attached.

- ☐ **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT:** Unless applicant supplies the omission or correction to the preliminary amendment in compliance with revised 37 CFR 1.121 noted above within ONE MONTH of the mail date of this letter, examination on the merits may commence without entry of the originally proposed preliminary amendment. This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.

☒ **AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION:** Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction noted above in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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